

having expended all its ammunition, callt'd out f>r
m*>r<M'artriltj;<'Mtii<l more Prussians.

The loss of the Prussians, n>nd**n>i! <*on,*id<*rjil>l*' hy
th>* iiiiH-IJ>|Hl, fire of our artillery, was &VXK) HUMl.
Ulurhcr, unht<rM>ii li> our ruiuv siers, escaped them only
by a miracle.

The English and Dutch lost -WH) men. Three
Srot.-tt regi the Black Legion of ttrun.svvi<'k were
almost entirely eMeriuja Prince of Brunswick
himself and a number of other onVer* <>f were
killed.

We lost in the left wing nearly ^OW men and wvck*}
j>*'Uer-iK 1'rhv Jerome, who had already hei>n wounded
at the. p*i*<M# of the s.,isjibi>\ had his hand slightly
grazed by a iiii<ket-*!io!. fir remain**! emr-miily at the
head of his division, and ili<*playol n p<*>tl *j<al n(roi>!
n>-->> ;tjnl valor. Our loss at Ligny, <*Htiinat**ii at tU'KK* m*-ii,
>>.H rr'liin>"sl hi ill iu<r<< to be regretted l>y C*enerul
(virani'H reeeling *4 m<>rtal wt>uii>l. I'Vw Mill-cers were
endued with a rhanier ww ni>bli% *nnl an iiii'<"|iitlif) Ml
ii.tbiiii.i!. More greedy of glory than of wi>,tll.li> ht>
|<*s.<<>i>M*iI nofhinx l*iil bin hwnr.1; and his last inoments,
instead of n>j*ting with trligli! i>n lli<> ri'iiH'iitbi'.utfr of his
heroic actions a!on<% wen* diHt>rlM>fl by (hi* iuilis nf Iraviti^
iiH fannly exposed to want.

The victory of Ligny did not entirely fulfil tin*
DtiHrl&ti'm^nf tin* Kn>-peror. " If Marwhal Ney/* mid h<*>
"had attacked ill** Kt>sb**b >>M* all his forces, hi*, would
have eruxhwi th<>m, stud iim%'i* artii'r4 in iiiiui- i*< i>m* the
PniSHiais th< fhiishing blow: an<! If* afl<*r having
etmmttfi<*ii ilii% <irn| fault, be bad not Inum guilty <>f a
wvniul folly, in j>n*v>'ii'in<; Mm HIMVI* intuit of (.yointo
D'Krlon, the intt^rvmitioitof tin* fai <*>rj^ wntii<i liav>' ^liurs
• ened the resistaitce of Hlurlii>r, ftmi nwitorm! hln tlrtoI
ifri'|>*ii*il>i*'; hm whole army would have lnu*n taken or
di^troyni/*

This victory, though Imprrfw!, wan no), tlw Irw MmmMwwl
i>y llir urij.. erals of the highest iiii|x>rtancc. It wparatfd
tin* Knnii^li arinv fi<tiit HP* Prussians, and l<ft us hopes of
iwhig abli! tci vanqtiinh it In iin mm,

The Emperor, without losing times wan for atuHcinx
tin* Ktiglith <<
one side at daybreak, and piirmiliig lilnrlicr^ army
without ri'tyitaoit l/w
other. In opposition to thin plan it rc>miirii>4 that th<

army
was fresh, and ready to accept l>ttli% wlslli* our ti'ifi|>> lit
ilir
conflicts and fatigue* of Ligny, would not |<>rlta|w U* in
a<*oi<lii<*n to
with the necessary vigor. Finally, sneh n timorous iilijpri|
*tiw >#*r>> »i.vlr
that he consented to suffer the antiy to fain n<t. Ill

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timidity. If Napoleon, as of olil, bail JI>t4*in>4 only to tlie<f
his own daring resolution, it In prohahhs nay, it It thin
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confirmed by General Drouot) that h<" mi^ht, to hin
led his troops to Brussels on the 17tli;aiiil who ran
have been the consequences of that capita! failing into
hi* ?

On the 17th, therefore, the Emperor <roiit<lit<*i>
ljltis<>if mitli forming
his army into two columns: one, of <tt,(KK> m<>ti lwmM hy
flu* Eiii|;>*fnr
himself, after uniting with it the toft wing, futluwwl i|M*

aowf.